

# **Harriet Eitel Johnson papers**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Brooks, Ralph L.
<b>Creator</b>	Johnson, Harriet Eitel
<b>Title</b>	Harriet Eitel Johnson papers
<b>Date</b>	1955/10/20
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S729

### Preferred Citation

Harriet Eitel Johnson papers, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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Harriet Day Eitel Wells Johnson was born in 1879 in Indiana to Henry and Catherine [Katie] Schramm Eitel, who died in 1881. She had at least two half-siblings. Her father was a prominent Indianapolis banker and financial manager for James Whitcomb Riley, whose sister Elva May was his second wife, marrying him on December 26, 1883. Harriet was graduated from Shortridge High School in Indianapolis, Indiana and attended the Castle Finishing School at Tarrytown-on-the-Hudson, New York, which was razed in 1944. She married Samuel R. Wells in Marion County, Indiana on December 14, 1912. Her second husband was Jesse Johnson, whom she married in Marion County on October 17, 1935. She wrote a book about James Whitcomb Riley, published in 1940 and was listed as a saleswoman in the 1940 census. She died in 1958 and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana.

"Eitel, Catherine E. Schramm." Find a Grave Memorial. Retrieved 2015/02/18. <http://www.findagrave.com>

"Eitel, Harriet". 1900 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2015/02/18. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Eitel, Harriet D.". Indiana, Marriage Collection, 1800-1941. Retrieved 2015/02/18. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Eitel, Hattie". 1880 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2015/02/18. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Eitel, Henry". Indiana, Marriage Collection, 1800-1941. Retrieved 2015/02/18. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Johnson, Harriet". U.S., Find a Grave Index, 1600s-Current. Retrieved 2015/02/18. <http://www.findagrave.com>

"Johnson, Harriet E.". 1940 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2015/02/18. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com> "Johnson, Harriet Day Eitel Wells". Indiana Historical Society. Retrieved 2015/02/18. <http://www.indianahistory.org/our-collections/collection-guides/james-whitcomb-riley-collection-1880-1956.pdf>

"Riley, Elva M.". 1860 United States Federal Census. Retrieved 2015/02/18. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Riley, Elva May". Indiana, Marriage Collection, 1800-1941. Retrieved 2015/02/18. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

"Wells, Harriet". Indiana, Marriage Collection, 1925-2012. Retrieved 2015/02/18. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>

## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes a typed, hand-corrected manuscript with newspaper clipping from Harriet Eitel Johnson in Indianapolis, Indiana on 1955/10/20 regarding the train wreck of Purdue football students on 1903/10/31 in Indianapolis and a typed, autographed letter of rejection from Ralph L. Brooks, editor of the *Indianapolis Star Magazine*, 1955/10/25.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

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### Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Harriet Eitel Johnson.

### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

## **Processing Information**

Collection processing completed 2015/02/18 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2015/02/18 by Edythe Huffman.

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## **Controlled Access Headings**

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### **Corporate Name(s)**

- Indianapolis Star and News.
- Purdue University.

### **Subject(s)**

- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Indianapolis (Ind.)--Railroad accidents
- Manuscript